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SUBJECT: BRITISH PLANS TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMUNIST GOVERN-
MENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM

REF: A. LONDON 6701; B. LONDON 7029

1. ON MAY 2 BRITISH EMBASSY (SAMUEL AND PIKE) DISCUSSED
WITH DEPARTMENT HMG'S PLANS TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW GOVERNMENT
IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. EMBOFFS LEFT INFORMAL TALKING POINTS
NOTING THAT: (A) HMG WISHES TO REOPEN SAIGON MISSION AS
SOON AS SECURITY SITUATION PERMITS; (B) ON THE ASSUMPTION
THAT NORTH VIET-NAM DOES NOT PROCEED STRAIGHT TO REUNIFICA-
TION, IT IS LIKELY THAT ANY NEW GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIET-
NAM WILL SATISFY HMG'S NORMAL CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION; (C)
HMG WOULD SEE ADVANTAGES IN RECOGNIZING SUCH A NEW GOVERN-
MENT SWIFTLY, PREFERABLY IN COORDINATION WITH EC-NINE
PARTNERS. EMBOFFS ALSO NOTED CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC PRESSURE
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FOR RECOGNITION AND REQUESTED USG REACTION TO THIS PROPOSED

MOVE.

2. ON MAY 10 BRITISH EMBASSY TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE THAT FCO ON MAY 12 PLANNED TO INSTRUCT BRITISH CHARGE' IN HANOI TO INFORM THE DRV THAT HMG WAS PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON. WE INFORMED THE

EMBASSY THAT WE HAD NO COMMENT OTHER THAN TO NOTE THAT THE DECISION WAS ONE FOR THE BRITISH TO MAKE. FOR OUR PART, AS THE SECRETARY STATED IN HIS APRIL 29 PRESS CONFERENCE, WE NOTED THAT WE HAVE NOT MADE A DECISION ABOUT OUR POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW AUTHORITIES IN SAIGON. WE WILL HAVE TO SEE WHAT GROUPING EMERGES AND WHAT DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE IT HAS BEFORE A DECISION CAN BE MADE. WE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS. KISSINGER

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